ईंधन/फीडस्टाक सुविधाओं की स्थापना करके प्राकृतिक गैस की उपलब्धता में कठिनाइयों पर काबू पाना, तथा

(viii) प्रचूर तथा सस्ते कच्चे माल के स्रोतों वाले देशों में संयुक्त उद्यम परियोजनाएं स्थापित करना

वर्ष 1996-97 से 1998-99 तक की अवधि के दौरान उर्वरक विभाग के प्रशासनिक नियंत्रणाधीन सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों/सहकारी समितियों में योजनागत व्यय इस प्रकार है:—

वर्ष	रु० करोड़
1996-97	2153.96
1997-98	1314.61
1998-99	957.32

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों/सहकारी समितियों के लिए वर्ष 1999-2000 तक की अवधि हेतु 1822.50 करोड़ रुपये के योजनागत परिव्यय का प्रस्ताव किय गया है।

Package for Bengal

1089. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned, "Package for Bengal announced", appearing Business Standard, Calcutta, of 11th February, 1999, regarding revival of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC);

(b) if so, whether Government have concretised revival plan of Durgapur and Haldia units of HFC in West Bengal for submission to BIFR; if so, the salient features of the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor in view of the public announcement of the same on 10th Februrary, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A. K. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. It refers, inter-alia, to the revival of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) which stands referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(b) and (c) A revival package for HFC was initially formulated in the year 1995 which envisaged a limited revamp of its functional units. The Government decided to close/hive off the Haldia Project of HFC. Thereafter, an Expert Group, under the leadership of ICICI, was constituted to reformulate the package and it submitted its report in 1997. The Government of consideration of the report, approved the revival package in respect of Namrup units only and deferred the decision in respect of other units of HFC including its Durgapur unit. Proposals regarding other units of HFC based on their techno-economic viability will be submitted to the competent authority in the Government and final sanction of BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial authority.

Demands of IDPL Workers

1090. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the demands of the workers of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited;

(b) if so, the details of revival/ rehabilitation package; and

(c) the steps taken for payment of monthly salary to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A. K. PATEL): (a) and (b) A package for the revival of IDPL approved by BIFR on 10.2.1994 was implemented w.e.f. 1.4.1994. The same, however, failed in the first year of